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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: CGEN, ID (VILLACORTA, L.J.)
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FRAUDULENT COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY

1. IT HAS COME TO THE EMBASSY'S ATTENTION THAT RECENTLY SEVERAL INDONESIAN BUSINESSMEN HAVE TRAVELLED TO THE U.S. FOR MEETINGS WITH MR. EVERETT MILLS OF SEA ASIAN OIL COMPANY, LTD., 5410 17TH AVENUE, N.W., SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98107. THEY HAVE BEEN RECRUITED BY A PHILIPPINE NATIONAL NAMED LOUIS J. VILLACORTA AND THEIR VISA APPLICATIONS WERE ACCOMPANIED BY LETTERS OF GUARANTEE ON SEA ASIAN STATIONERY WITH VILLACORTA SIGNING AS DIRECTOR.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO HARD EVIDENCE OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY ON

THE PART OF MR. VILLACORTA BUT SOME INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED CONCERNING HIS PREVIOUS DEALINGS LEADS US TO BE SUSPICIOUS OF HIS ACTIONS. ONE OF VILLACORTA'S ACTIVITIES IS PROMOTING CERTAIN BUSINESS VENTURES TO INDONESIAN INVESTORS SUCH AS A CASINO IN LAS VEGAS, A CAR DEALERSHIP IN THE WESTERN U.S., AND AN UNCLEAR PROJECT ON AN ISLAND BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND INDONESIAN (PROBABLY ANOTHER
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CASINO).

3. ON EOF VILLACORTA'S PRACTICES IS TO HAVE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING SUCH DEALS NOTARIZED BEFORE AN INDONESIAN OFFICIAL AND THEN HAVE THAT OFFICIAL'S SEAL AND SIGNATURE AUTHENTICATED BY A CONSULAR OFFICER. REPORTEDLY THE PRESENCE OF THE U.S. EMBASSY SEAL ON THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN USED TO LEAD SOME INVESTORS TO BELIEVE THE EMBASSY WAS IN SOME WAY APPROVING THE INVESTMENT (WHICH OF COURSE IS NOT THE CASE IN THE LEAST).

4. REPEAT EMBASSY HAS NO FIRM EVIDENCE OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY BY SEA ASIAN OR VILLACORTA, BUT EMBASSY WISHES TO BRING THE MATTER TO YOUR ATTENTION FOR ANY ACTION YOU DEEM PROPER.
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